

Sex-swop

organist

'forced

to quit'

A CHURCH organist who had a sex change operation claimed yesterday that his vicar has forced him to resign.

Former school music master Dr Nigel Gee, a father of three young boys, shocked parishioners when he suddenly arrived for services and choir practice dressed as a woman.

Now, following the operation, he has changed his name by deed poll to Helen.

Dr Gee's wife Margaret, was granted a decree nisi earlier this month and is now staying with relatives on the Isle of Man with her sons, aged eight, six and four.

Dr Gee, a doctor of music, quit as organist at St Nicholas's Anglican church, Wallasey, Merseyside, after she claimed the vicar, the Rev. John Bentley, told her: 'Resign or be sacked.'

Yesterday Dr Gee, who is in her early thirties, packed her belongings into a hired van after a court official served an injunction granted to Mrs Gee to leave their home in Sunningdale Road, Wallasey.

Dressed in a blue cotton flower patterned skirt, mauve T-shirt, tights and tan shoes,



Dr HELEN GEE

Shock for parishioners

Dr Gee said of her meeting with the vicar: 'I was shocked and upset by his attitude.'

'Only a week earlier he had called a meeting of all the church women's groups to explain my situation. He said he would support me.'

'But then he called me to his home and said I would have to go. He said I might corrupt the youth of the church. I was disgusted.'

Dr Gee said she first recalled feeling 'different' when she was about four. Later, in the Cubs, she had felt she should be in the Brownies.

The former organist said her sons might eventually know her as 'Auntie'.

Mr Bentley refused to comment on the resignation yesterday, but a spokesman for Chester Anglican Diocese said: 'The organist at St Nicholas's was asked to leave in an amicable manner.'